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According to The Star of November 14, Allen W. Dulles, director of the Central Intelligence Agency, said at a recent meeting of American educators: "A little relaxation of freedom in the Soviet Union where, after all, Russians were ruling Russians, was a very different thing from using the same tactics in Eastern Europe. (In the latter case the Russians were ruling peoples who were once free and came to be dominated and controlled by a hated foreign power.)"

In the same news item, The Star quotes Air Secretary Quarles as having said: "... the Soviet dictators ... deprive the Russian people of more than half of the fruits of their labors."

It seems incredible that these two high American of-

ficials should overlook a very important (for the free world) fact that the USSR is not identical with Russia, that more than 50 per cent of the population of the USSR are not Russians, but various nationalities conquered by Moscow's military force and opposing the Russian rule ever since. Every unbiased student of history knows that 38 years ago, after the revolution in Russia, such nationalities as Armenians, Balts, Byelorussians, Georgians, Ukrainians and others proclaimed their independence from Moscow and established their democratic governments. The reason these nations did not last long was not lack of determination to be free, but violation by the Russian Bolsheviki of their right of self-determination. It is worth-while to recall to those who have forgotten this that these nationalities did not join the Soviet Union voluntarily but were annexed by force after a long and heroic struggle. In the following years, Moscow tried to break their spirit of freedom by massacres, mass deportation and political famine which even surpassed Moscow's recent brutalities in Hungary. But it has never been fully successful in this aim.

In view of this, the statement that "in the Soviet Union, after all, Russians are ruling Russians" is incorrect. To identify such peoples as Armenians, Balts, Byelorussians, Georgians, Ukrainians, Azerbeidjanis and others with Russians is to do them injustice, because at every opportune moment they have voiced their desire to get rid of Moscow's bondage. Nor does it help the free world and its cause to ignore these articulate nationalities with their traditions, cultures and languages, and some of whom differ from Russians racially and religiously. These reliable friends of the free world must not be ignored or slighted.

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